



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL
INSPECTIONS
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
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DEPARTMENT HEAD CONFERENCE ROOM 383
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
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Wednesday, April 2, 2014

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (14-1602)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chairperson Eleanor R. Montañó, Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio, Commissioner Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Donald S. Andrews and Commissioner Maxine Russell M.A. M.S.

Excused: Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D., Commissioner Anne S. Hill and Commissioner Susan Burton

Call to Order. (14-1425)

Chairperson Montañó called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Chairperson Montañó led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of the March 12, 2014 Minutes. (14-1426)

On motion of Commissioner Bigby, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, unanimously carried, this item was approved.

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2. Recommendation to receive and file the March 19, 2014 Summary of Notes. (14-1440)

Due to a lack of quorum, the meeting was not called to order.

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II. REPORTS

3. Chairperson's Report on various items for April 2, 2014. (14-1427)

Chairperson Montaña shared the following Newspaper Articles and report:

Daily Breeze:

- **ACLU: Muslim inmates treated unfairly (March 29, 2014)**
- **The long arm of the law (March 23, 2014)**
- **Gangs gaining ground in state (March 21, 2014)**
- **Sheriff's candidates spell out vision for improving jails (March 21, 2014)**
- **2 Sheriff monitors needed? (No date referenced)**

Los Angeles Times:

- **L.A. deputies union in a rift (April 2, 2014)**
- **The values of a Sheriff (April 1, 2014)**
- **Anchoring troubled lives (April 1, 2014)**
- **What Baca did right (March 30, 2014)**
- **Ex-Sheriff reflects on his leadership (March 27, 2014)**
- **The Sheriff's newest watchdog (March 25, 2014)**
- **Debate in Supervisor race heats up on campaign funds (March 21, 2014)**
- **Monitor for Sheriff's Dept. defends his job (March 20, 2014)**
- **Coping with child neglect (March 18, 2014)**
- **FBI agents may have tried to record Baca (March 18, 2014)**
- **Candidates for sheriff turn up heat (March 15, 2014)**
- **Security lapse blamed in inmate escape (March 15, 2014)**
- **Boy's plight raises red flag (March 12, 2014)**
- **Official urges cutting ties with sheriff monitors (No date referenced)**

Commissioner Russell also shared the following article with the Commission:

Los Angeles Times:

- **L.A. deputies union in a rift (April 2, 2014)**

Chairperson Montaña shared the following report:

Chairperson Montaña and Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that they met with Twila Kerr, Acting Chief, Commission Services, and a representative from the Auditor-Controller's office to review the questions that were posed by the Audit Committee regarding Sybil Brand Commission's (SBC) collaborative efforts with other County departments that are also involved with inspection activities. They also reviewed proposed recommendations, responses and the Sunset Review report (copies were distributed to the Commissioners). The Commission was also advised that Vice Chairperson Bacio will represent the Commission at the Public Safety Cluster meeting on April 9, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. and both Chairperson Montaña and Vice Chairperson Bacio will represent SBC at the Children's Cluster meeting on April 16, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

Following discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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- 4. Treasurer's Report for April 2, 2014. (14-1428)**

Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that the bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund remains at \$747.61.

- 5. Staff Report on Correspondence Received, and Department Representative Reports for April 2, 2014. (14-1429)**

Staff provided three letters addressed to the following persons, for Chairperson Eleanor R. Montaña's signature:

- Jerry Powers, Chief Probation Officer, Los Angeles County Probation Department (Dorothy Kirby Center)**
- Ralph Ornelas, Commander, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Custody Conservation Work Program)**
- Gregory Sivard, Supervising Operation Assistant II, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Custody Conservation Work Program)**

6. Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports presented on April 2, 2014. (14-1430)

In Compliance:

- **Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited visited Dream Catcher Foundation #2, Page 12, #6, on April 1, 2014; Dream Catcher Foundation #1, on March 31, 2014 and Dream Catcher Foundation #3, on March 25, 2014.**
- **Commissioner Russell visited Children's Home of Southern California, Page 5, #3, on April 1, 2014.**

Not in Compliance:

- **Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited Childre are our Future, Page 7 #2, on March 26, 2014.**

Not home:

- **Commissioner Bigby visited Hillside Home for Children, Page 21, #2, on March 28, 2014.**

Following discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

7. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from March 12, 2014 to April 1, 2014. (14-1431)

During the reporting period, the following facilities/group homes were reported as being in satisfactory condition:

- **Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited Olive Crest Treatment Center, Page 28 #4, on March 24, 2014; Pacific Lodge, Page 30 #3, on March 18, 2014 and Santa Clarita Courthouse on March 17, 2014.**
- **Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited Bayfront Youth and Family Services, Page 2, #1, on March 10, 2014.**
- **Chairperson Montaña, Vice Chairperson Bacio and Commissioners Andrews and Bigby visited Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center on March 19, 2014.**

- Vice Chairperson Bacio visited El Monte Superior Court on March 13, 2014.
- Commissioners Bigby and Hill visited Children's Home of Southern California, Page 8 #2, on March 25, 2014 and noted no one was home. Commissioner Bigby re-visited the facility on March 26, 2014 and found it to be in satisfactory condition.
- Commissioners Bigby and Hill visited Human Service Network, Page 22 #3, on March 13, 2014 and noted no one was home. Commissioners Bigby and Hill re-visited the facility on March 18, 2014 and found it to be in satisfactory condition.
- Commissioners Bigby visited Garces Residential, Page 19 #2, on March 14, 2014

During the reporting period, the following facility/group home was visited, but no one was home:

- Commissioner Bigby visited Penny Lane, Page 32 #1, on March 25, 2014.

Following discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

8. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (14-1432)

There were no matters presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

9. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (14-1433)

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

Adjournment

10. Adjournment for the meeting of April 1, 2014. (14-1434)

There being no further business, Chairperson Montaña adjourned the meeting of April 2, 2014 at 12:04 p.m.

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